



The Utah Commission on Volunteers is pleased to present The 2008 Utah Conference, “Service – The Sweet Life” April 29-30, 2008

at the Provo Marriott Hotel and Conference Center,
BYU Alumni House and
the Marriott Center on the BYU Campus

This year's conference on service brings new partners, activities, and venues to the features that you've come to expect from past conferences – informative workshops, an inspiring awards banquet, great entertainment, and networking with friends.

The 2008 Utah Conference, “Service – The Sweet Life”, will focus participants on the benefits and rewards of service. Our graphics purposefully reflect some of the aspects of “The Sweet Life” – teaching a child to fish while enjoying the serenity of the outdoors as well as the hope of hooking a child on a lifetime of service. We'll also reflect on how last year's “Building Bridges” focus impacted your organizations and how to move your action plans forward in your communities. Our goal this year is to provide examples of “teaching someone to fish” with the net result of real sustainability of programs and projects that bring “the sweet life” to more and more of the people we all serve.

The Conference opens on Tuesday, April 29th, with a welcome reception at the BYU Alumni House from 5:00-6:30 and then you're invited to enjoy the spectacular concert by the Hope of America's Student Showcase at the Marriott Center right across the street. The Hope of America Foundation will present the Commission on Volunteers an award recognizing Utah for our outstanding #1 ranking in the nation for volunteering. The Commission's programs and the accomplishments of volunteers and national service members will also be showcased, so this is an activity you won't want to miss!

The keynote speaker on Wednesday morning, April 30th at the Provo Marriott Hotel, will be Merrilee Boyack, outstanding lecturer and author of the new book, “52 Weeks of Fun Family Service”. Merrilee lives in Southern California and serves on the board of Mothers Without Borders, the well-known international humanitarian service nonprofit.

Joining us for the first time at the conference is the Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives with Utah's director and representatives from the White House. Workshops throughout the day on April 30th will also include a track for Learn and Serve school districts (and anyone interested in grant writing and service learning) as well as the ever-popular and helpful offerings on volunteer management. New this year is an all-day service project area where you can learn and unwind while volunteering with friends.

Nominations are now open for the outstanding volunteers and organizations to be recognized at the Awards Banquet Luncheon on April 30th. Visit the website at www.volunteers.utah.gov for more information about the awards nominations process and for updates on the 2008 Utah Conference, “Service – The Sweet Life”.